GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2923
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2011
MAHATMA GANDHI SETU
Yadav Shri Hukamdeo Narayan

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India(NHAI) has taken over Mahatma Gandhi Setu in Patna, Bihar to redo its super structure;

(b) if so, the date on which this decision was taken;

(c) the details of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for its repair alongwith the amount spent thereon till date;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry to ascertain quality and transparency of repair work done;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against persons found responsible for technical error in the construction of this bridge; and

(f) the reasons for dealy in the construction said bridge alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)&(b): Ministry, vide gazette notification No.S.O.2249(E) dated 28.09.2011 has entrusted the Patna-Hazipur section including the Mahatma Gandhi Setu(MG Setu) to NHAI. However, at present, the bridge is being maintained by State PWD. NHAI will take up comprehensive rehabilitation after detailed study/investigation.

(c):NHAI has engaged an expert consultant to suggest the short term and long term rehabilitation measures.Based on the outcome of the detailed report, further rehabilitation measures for the MG Setu would be taken up.

(d): No, Madam.

(e)to(f): This bridge was constructed by the State PWD before declaration of this stretch as part of National Highway. As regard quality in construction, State Government has been requested to furnish report.